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MEMORANDUM
ON
DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE

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Today I visited with Lee at some length and I was very favorably impressed. He seems to have a very keen and well disciplined mind and he has been properly trained for good hard work and long hours. In addition to his law work, he has been helping with the Russian and Chinese Relief Services, and that has meant a very full schedule.

His background is exceptional. He lived some years in China and has a conversational knowledge of the language. In addition, he traveled widely over western Europe during the time that he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. He took a B.A. and a B.C.L. in law and finished his work at Yale before taking up law practice with Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Lumbard. At this writing I have been unable to contact his main references, but this will be completed Friday morning, at which time they will all be back in the City.

I feel that this young man could be of service somewhere. He will not be able to get away from his firm for at least two weeks and during this time something definite may turn up which would be particularly suitable for his talents.

John J. McDonough